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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: GRAIN/OIL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) STATE 237186; B) MOSCOW 14169

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM DENNIS WOOD

1. DUNLOP CONCURS IN MESSAGE YOU APPROVED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL (A) REGARDING MARITIME AGREEMENT. BLACKWELL HAS ALSO PERSONALLY APPROVED MESSAGE.

2. DUNLOP RAISED ISSUE OF WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE FIRM RATE FORMULA FOR GRAIN (AND PERHAPS FOR OIL) FOR THE ENTIRE TERM OF THE EXTENDED MARITIME AGREEMENT. US MARITIME ADMINISTRATION CONCLUDED WE SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CHANGE AND WE HAVE SUFFICIENT LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE RATE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977 IN ANY EVENT. DUNLOP CONCURS, BUT ASKED THAT I FLAG THE ISSUE FOR YOU AND NOTE THAT THE APPROVED LANGUAGE IN THE SECRET

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LETTER FROM BLACKWELL TO AVERIN LEAVES US WITH MUTUALLY

AGREED RATES FOR GRAIN WHEN RECENTLY NEGOTIATED RATE
AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1976.

3. IN THAT US MARITIME ADMINISTRATION REPORTS THAT THEIR
CHANNEL TO USSR MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE NOT OPERABLE
HERE ON WEEKENDS, SUGGEST USEMBASSY MOSCOW DELIVER AGREED
TEXT IN REFTEL (A) TO I. AVERIN FROM BLACKWELL TO SAVE
TIME.

4. AS OF OCTOBER 6, PAN AMERICAN REDUCES ITS FLIGHTS FROM
MOSCOW TO SUNDAY FLIGHT ONLY. PLEASE ADVISE NEW TRAVEL
PLANS AS SOON AS THEY ARE FIRM. KISSINGER

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